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SUBJECT: SOVIET CONCERN AT YET ANOTHER NEW
BERLIN INSTITUTE

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1. BERLIN PRESS ANNOUNCED FEB 12 THAT KURATORIUM
UNTEILBARES DEUTSCHLAND PLANNED TO ESTABLISH IN BERLIN
NEW EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH CENTER, TO BE ENTITLED
"PAUL-LOEBE-INSTITUT BERLIN," FOR STUDY OF POLITICS
AND SOCIETY IN BOTH FRG AND GDR. INSTITUTE WILL
BE REGISTERED AS PRIVATE ASSOCIATION-- "EINGETRAGENER
VEREIN" -- UNDER GERMAN LAW. POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF
STUDIES WILL REPORTEDLY BE OFFERED TO CDU
ABGEORDNETENHAUS FRAKTION CHAIRMAN LUMMER.

2. SOVIET EMB COUNSELLOR RODIN APPROACHED MISOFF
AT SOCIAL FUNCTION FEB 12 TO EXPRESS HIS AND SOVIET
EMB'S CONCERN OVER PRESS REPORTS THAT NEW "ALL-GERMAN
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INSTITUTE" (SIC) WOULD SHORTLY BE ESTABLISHED IN WEST

BERLIN. SOVIETS QUESTIONED WISDOM OF SUCH A STEP, ESPECIALLY COMING SO SOON AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT ON EC VOCATIONAL CENTER. AFTER ASCERTAINING THAT RODIN WAS IN FACT REFERRING TO INSTITUTE TO BE SET UP UNDER KURATORIUM UNTEILBARES DEUTSCHLAND, MISOFF ASSURED HIM THAT THIS WOULD BE PRIVATE ASSOCIATION NOT CONNECTED WITH ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY AND THAT IT WOULD OF COURSE HAVE NO GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS OR AUTHORITY. RODIN SEEMED REASONABLY SATISFIED AT RESPONSE.

3. COMMENT: WE STRONGLY SUSPECT THAT SOVIET EXPRESSION OF CONCERN WAS IN FACT BASED MORE ON THEIR LONGSTANDING NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS KURATORIUM UNTEILBARES DEUTSCHLAND THAN ON NEW INSTITUTE'S POSSIBLE GOVERNMENTAL TIES. GEORGE

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